

BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION
CONTROL LINE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ADOPTED MINUTES
of the 54th meeting (wef 02/12/00) held on
8th February 2014
at **Langley House, 21 Polegate, Luton, Bedfordshire**

Present: Peter Halman (Chairman & Speed Representative); Mick Lewis (Treasurer & CFA Rep); Jo Halman (Secretary); Mervyn Jones (Council Delegate & F2B Representative); Chris Barker (Member & TR Representative); Vernon Hunt (member); John Mealing (VTRSIG Representative); Tony Goodger (Vintage Speed Representative; & SAM 35 Representative); Andy Housden (Carrier Deck Representative)

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(54)1 Apologies for Absence All personnel present.	
(54)2 Confirmation of those with voting Rights There were eight voting members.	
(54)3 Correction & adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2013 There were no corrections. The Council Delegate proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of 18th January 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. This proposal was seconded by the Chairman and voting was: For – 6; Against – 0; Abstentions - 2	
(54)4 Matters arising from that meeting that are not on the Agenda	
(54)4.1 .The Chairman had sent the battery information to Mervyn Jones but Mervyn said that it had not arrived but that he had been having problems with his works email. He had spoken to some of the F2B fliers but the report that the Chairman had written should go into the CLAPA newsletter. The Chairman will re-send to Mervyn's home email address.	PH
(54)4.2 <u>53.10</u> : The Secretary is to write to the Barton club regarding the need for an invoice for the site hire. (See also item (54)/10.	JH
(54)4.3 <u>53.12</u> : The F2B Rep reported that the Judges training scheme needs to be re-instituted and he has arranged with Roger Ladds to run this. There would be a financial implication and the Chairman said the T&E budget would seem most appropriate but it would need to be increased. The Treasurer will ask for an increase in the T&E Budget for 2015 and will see if he can get permission to go over-budget for the 2014 financial year. Fliers like the idea of a "training round" at the beginning of Aerobatics Centralised competitions and so now a rule needs to be written for it. The F2B Rep will write the rule and forward to the Secretary for checking. So as not to lose momentum on this initiative, it will be a local rule for 2014 and then in the 2015 BMFA rule book. It is provisionally planned to hold an F2B Seminar on 9th March at either Leicester or Ashbourne. The F2B Rep is also to write the rule regarding who takes the decision to stop or delay a competition for bad weather if the CD is also a competitor at the competition. It was clear that the F2B fliers want to stay with the league for team selection and not move to any sort of team trials. Another topic that the fliers have discussed is that of including an international in the team selection valid competitions. This is ongoing.	MJ MJ
(54)4.4 <u>13.13</u> : Combat: When the Combat Rep was asked for the response from the CIAM F2 Working Group about the way the "fly-away" shutoff can be used ie "manually initiated by the pilot but automatically applied" he said he had misunderstood and thought we had been discussing "stop-at-will" shut-offs and not "flyaway" shut-offs. A brief further discussion ensued and the Combat Rep and the Committee were unanimous the current wording, although clumsy, <i>does</i> permit this use and that it is not actually banned by the current rules. This Committee felt strongly that the AUS system should be able to be used in the 2014 F2 World Championships.	
(54)4.5 <u>14.2</u> : The Combat Rep had a meeting scheduled for Monday 10th February with the Ashbourne site. This Committee was unanimous that it would fully support (with manpower & help) any FAI championship held there.	

<p>(54)5 Definition of Novice in British Goodyear. B/f from the 18th January 2014 meeting. The Team Race Rep confirmed that there had been no TR novices at the 2013 Nationals. He thinks a Novice Final should be determined on the day. It is too difficult to define a TR Novice. The TR Rep is to draft a paper as a base for discussion with the Chairman and then an email vote.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>CBk</p>
<p>(54)6 2014 CLTC Contest Calendar B/f from the 18th January 2014 meeting. The CLTC Contest Calendar is now at Draft 5 level and can now be issued as the official version. It should be posted to the CL News on the BMFA website but each discipline must input its own data online for the BMFA Contest & Events Calendar. See also item (54)/8.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>(54)7 Replacement F2CN Trophy B/f from the 18th January 2014 meeting. This cannot be progressed without investment and no investment can be made without the idea and principle being accepted. The TR Rep is to talk to the Records Officer and provide photographs of the trophy to see if it is likely to be an acceptable BMFA trophy.</p>	<p>CBk</p>
<p>(54)8 Status of VTR Competitions. B/f from the 18th January 2014 meeting. Many VTR comps do not have three-ups and so BMFA records cannot be set so VTR feels that there is no point in any of their competitions being designated BMFA competitions. There seemed to be a misunderstanding about the status of VTRSIG and BMFA competitions and the Secretary is to check the previous decisions. In the meantime, the VTR competition dates can go on the CLTC Contest Calendar BMFA as "information only" in the same way as CFA and Vintage Speed competitions do. The VTR Rep said that if the hire of Barton was too expensive then an alternative venue would have to be found. See also Item (54)/10.</p>	
<p>(54)9 Team Travel Fund Payments to 2014 Team There is currently £7,300 in the fund but we need to hold back a large proportion of that for the 2016 World Championships that will be held in Australia. The Treasurer proposed £200 to the pilots and TR mechanics and £100 for the F2D Mechanics. The Combat Rep seconded the proposal and the voting was unanimous. The Treasurer to action with the Accounts office.</p>	<p>ML</p>
<p>(54)10 Competition Entry Fees The TR Rep reported that Malcolm Ross, Competition Secretary of the Barton MAC, had told him that the site hire fee had been increased to a flat rate of £100 per day. It was a simple calculation to establish that this increase from the previous agreement of 50% of the entry fees to a maximum of £100 would be difficult to meet from the entries at CLTC competitions held at the Barton site. Entry fees, even at the increased rate, for a single-discipline competition at Barton would not generate enough to pay the site fee, let alone make a contribution to the CLTC Contest Fund which is now the major contributor to the CL Team Travel Fund. Even with F2B as the second discipline (with the Judge's expenses) it was highly unlikely (low Speed entries at Barton & Team Race CD expenses) that the balance of the entry fees would be enough to cover the site fee. The Secretary is to write to Barton with the predicament and ask the club to revert to the previous agreement. Entry fee income and TR CD's expenses was discussed further. The Treasurer explained that there was a loss of £50 overall on 2013 TR competitions with the TR CD's expense claims totalling £440. Various options were considered but the bottom line was that the TR CD will be paid 12p per mile. If he does not accept this then the TR must pay £30 per team per class. Speed, Aerobatics and Combat all accepted the 2014 entry fees put forward at the last meeting.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>(54)11 Nationals Planning</p> <p>(54)11.1 <u>CL Nationals Co-ordinator</u>: Jo Halman had been appointed Nationals CL Co-ordinator at the September 2013 Full Council meeting.</p> <p>(54)11.2 <u>Financial Projections</u>: the same as last year but there may be an increase in the cost of equipment.</p> <p>(54)11.3 <u>Trophies</u>: Although the wood & metal trophies sourced by the Treasurer are nice, many of the Committee members would like to go back to the glass trophies but they are too expensive. The TR Rep is to investigate the cost of the trophies that his company uses and send to the Secretary. The Treasurer graciously accepted being nominated to continue as the Nationals "trophy organiser". It was estimated that the 2014 cost would be £7.20 per trophy plus postage of £1.80 at the current rates.</p>	<p>CBk</p>

(54)11. **Nationals Planning.../cont**(54)11.4 **Entry Fees & Classes:**

Speed:

- Handicap Speed £15
- Vintage Speed £15
- Weatherman Speed £15
- No reduction for subsequent (other discipline) classes
- OTD Entries double normal fee

Aerobatics:

- F2B £25
- Other Classes £15
- No reduction for subsequent classes
- OTD Entries double normal fee

Team Race:

- F2C £15
- All other Classes £15
- Battery Man £ 5
- No reduction for subsequent classes
- OTD Entries double normal fee

Combat:

- F2D £18
- First class £18
- Second Class £14
- Third Class £10
- Fourth Class £5
- Juniors £5
- OTD £20

Carrier:

- Basic and Class 1 £8
- Other Classes £5

Junior entry fees in all Carrier classes are £5

Unless stated in the discipline, Juniors are half-price.

The VTRSIG Representative asked if Barton club's "Classic 15" could be run at the Nationals. This is not a BMFA class but the CLTC was happy for it to be run in the VTR cage after the BMFA VTR classes were finished.

(54)11.5 **Classes**

Speed: F2A & Open Speed (Handicap Speed), Vintage Speed, Weatherman Speed.

Aerobatics: F2B, Class 2, Vintage & Classic

Team Race: F2C, F2CN, 1/2A, British GY, Open GY, Mini GY, Barton B; VTR 'A', VTR 'B', VTR '1/2A'.

Combat F2D, F2E, Vintage, Oliver Tiger, 1/2A

Carrier Deck: Basic, Class 1

(54)11.6 **Contest Directors & Judges**

Handicap Speed CD: Jo Halman

Vintage Speed CD: Tony Goodger
 Helpers (unfunded): Peter Fox & Barbara Goodger

Stunt Overall & F2B CD: Dave Hough
 Classic & Vintage CD: tba
 Judges: tba

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(54)11.6 **Contest Directors & Judges .../cont**

Team Race

Overall CD: Chris Barker
CD: Mike Crossman (tbc)
Judge: Colin Brown (tbc)
Assistant: Alex Phinn
Line-check: Kate Dineen (tbc)
MGY CD: Tim Andrews or the South Bristol Club

Note for Secretary: As she will be away at the F2 World Championships she is to ask Jane Andrews to remind her on 1st August that Jane needs the MGY entry forms by email VTRSig is to forward Jane's email address to the Secretary.

Vintage Team Race

CD: John Mealing;
Judges: Barrie Pickles, Stuart Robinson, Dave Finch
Line-check: Tom Ridley
Admin: Marion Mealing.

Combat

Overall CD: Mick Lewis; F2D & F2E: John James;
Vintage CD: Richard Evans; Oliver Tiger: Richard Herbert;
1/2A CD: Roger Fisher; Possibly the same as 2013.
F2D CD: John James
F2D Scorers: Val James; others tba

Carrier

Overall CD: Andy Housden
Other officials: as per list submitted

It was noted that:

- (i) The Combat Representative is to advise the Secretary regarding the F2D Scorers.
- (ii) Colin Brown may again assist with Team Race Jury duties. The TR Representative is to confirm both this and the Line Check official and let the Secretary know.
- (iii) The TR Representative is to confirm whether Nev Eyre Cage Supervisor is available to assist.
- (iv) The Secretary will ask the Aerobatics CD to organise and inform her of the other CDs and the Judges.

(54)11.7 The Competition Secretary is unable to make online entry forms for the 2014 Nationals as planned and so we shall have to use a similar system to last year. The TR Representative is to design a "telephone entry sheet for TR entries" and the Secretary to vet and progress. Monday 11th August was agreed as the deadline for receipt of CL NEFS at the BMFA office. The second envelope is not used by some CDs and so we shall look at a change to that request on the NEF.

(54)11.8 **Special Requirements**

- a) The Carrier Representative requested access to Barkston Heath on the Wednesday. Grass vacuuming for Combat, Carrier & MGY but it must be done prior to the Saturday morning. In 2012 this was left too late. It was noted that this year grass-cutting may only be take-off & landing areas.
- b) Runway cleaning. The Chairman has decided that clay granules are best for cleaning the fuel patches. He will take enough for the appropriate flight-lines. Liquid runway cleaners will wash away the dust on the surface of the runway and then it looks as though it is stained. The runway cleaners are designed for dried on oil stains not wet stuff where the castor oil is the problem. The clay granules will be tested at the FoF. They cost approximately £7.60 for 20kg and it is estimated that five bags would be needed for the Nationals plus five 12" bass brooms.
- c) VTR needs to be 7 metres further west of the striped markings on the runway. All the roadways could be 10 metres in width.

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(54)12 CIAM Plenary items for discussion

Wrong item: too early for the CIAM Agenda. (Note for Secretary: amend the standard agenda).

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(54)13 Technical Council Meeting

There were no items for the Technical Council Agenda.

(54)14 Any Other Business

(54)14.1 The Secretary pointed out that with nine people currently entitled to attend CLTC meetings it was difficult to host the meeting at the usual venue if they all attended. The Treasurer commented that it may be necessary to investigate hiring a room in the same area. Nobody wanted to use the "conference" room at the BMFA office.

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(54)15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings were confirmed as:

- 15 March (to consider the CIAM Plenary Agenda); venue tba
- 11th October (Rule Changes); venue tba
- 29th November 14, first meeting after the BMFA AGM; venue tba

The meeting closed at 16.25 hours.

Signed:

Peter Halman, Chairman

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Dated: 15th March 2014

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